THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVEOPMENT (DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme of Assistance for Construction/ Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day Care Centre for Children, financial assistance is provided to the extent of 50% of the cost of Land and 75% of the cost of construction of the Hostel Buildings to Voluntary Organistions, Public Trusts. Local Bodies, Women Development Corporations, Universities, Schools/Colleges of Social Work and the State Governments/ Union territory Administrations, where suitable Voluntary Organisations does not exit. Assistance on the same pattern is also available for purchase of ready built buildings. Single Working Women, Whose consolidated income does not exceed Rs. 3,000/ per month are eligible for hostel accommodation for a period of three years, extendable up to five years.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 5 crores has been made for the year 1991-92. Besides release of subsequent instalments in respect of the hostels for working women already sanctioned, 50 new projects to accommodate 2,500 working women are envisaged during the year.

(d) 14 Hostels for 1593 working Women with Day Care Centre facilities for 129 children have already been sanctioned in Delhi. 12 of which are operational.

[*English*]

Food Procurement Target

2172. SHRI K. PRADHANI:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for procurement of foodgrains during 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains procured so far during the year; and

(c) the quantity of foodgrains expected to be procured by the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The procurement of wheat, paddy and coarsegrains for Central Pool under price support scheme being totally voluntary, and the procurement of levy-rice from millers/traders being dependent on quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets, as such, can be fixed for procurement of foodgrains.

(b) During current 1991-92 rabi marketing season, till 28th February, 1992, 77.52 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured under price support. Procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) stands at 87.20 lakh tonnes till 5th March, 1992 during current 1991-92 kharif marketing season.

(c) Whereas procurement of wheat in the marketing year 1991-92 is going to be below eight million tonnes, it is not possible to state expected procurement of rice as the same is still continuing.

Health Care Centres

2173. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Health Care Centres set up so far in the country, district-wise; and

(b) the position of availability of medicines in these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The information

is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Vehicular Pollution Control

2174. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer reply to Unstarred Question No 3233 on August 19, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Panel on vehicular pollution control, headed by Justice S N. Saikia, has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the panel, and

(c) if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir The Committee has not submitted its final report

(b) Does not arise

(c) No time limit for this committee has been specified in the orders of the Supreme Court

Electrification of Vijayawada–Vishakhapatnam Line

2175. SHRI K.V R CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the electrification of Vijavawada-Viskhapatnam line has been approved and to be taken up during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Electrification of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section has been included in the Railway's Budget proposal for 1992-93.

(b) The scheme covers electrification of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section including Samalkot–Kakinada covering 366 Route Kilometres. The estimated cost of the word is Rs 210.08 Crores

Begging in Trains and Stations

2176 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to stop begging in rains and at railway stations,

(b) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding begging in trains and if so, the action taken thereon, and

(c) the steps taken for preventing beggars to enter into trains and railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to(c) Begging in trains and at the railway Stations is a punishable offence under the Railways Act The punish ment has been enhanced in the Railwaays Act, 1989. Some complaints about begging in trains have been received. Regular and surprise checks are conducted jointly by the Railway Commercial Staff, Railway Protection Force and the Government Railway Police Personnel to apprehended beggaars in the trains and the at stations The persons so apprehended are dealt with in accordance with the law.

Feroke-Nilambur Line

2177. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state